

Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), together with recommendations for such legislation and administrative action as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 357—HONORING MISSOURIANS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN AFGHANISTAN

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 357

Whereas Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz of Wentzville, Missouri, was a dear and loving son, brother, and friend, who sought constantly to lift those around him and care for others in need;

Whereas Lance Corporal Schmitz was a devoted patriot who knew that he wanted to serve in the Marine Corps by his sophomore year of high school and trained relentlessly on his own initiative so that he might one day wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor;

Whereas Lance Corporal Schmitz enlisted in the Marine Corps before his 18th birthday and went on to serve with gallantry as a Marine Corps infantryman, upholding the standards and traditions of all the brave service members from the State of Missouri who came before him;

Whereas Lance Corporal Schmitz went to Kabul, Afghanistan, in August 2021 and, despite the risks, demonstrated heroic commitment to supporting the evacuation of citizens of the United States, allies of the United States, partners of the United States, and innocent civilians;

Whereas, on August 26, 2021, at just 20 years of age, while serving alongside his fellow citizens to provide safe passage to those in need, Lance Corporal Schmitz made the ultimate sacrifice at the international airport in Kabul, giving his life so that others might live; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Schmitz was the last and youngest of the 56 Missourians who made the ultimate sacrifice as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel and whose names shall not be forgotten, including—

- (1) Christopher Michael Allgaier;
- (2) Michael Chad Bailey;
- (3) Michael Joe Beckerman;
- (4) Brian Jay Bradbury;
- (5) Paul Douglas Carron;
- (6) Jacob Russell Carver;
- (7) Joseph Brian Cemper;
- (8) Robert Keith Charlton;
- (9) Richard Michael Crane;
- (10) Robert Wayne Crow, Jr.;
- (11) Justin Eric Culbreth;
- (12) Robert Gene Davis;
- (13) Edward Fred Dixon III;
- (14) Jason David Fingar;
- (15) James Matthew Finley;
- (16) Zachary Michael Fisher;
- (17) Jacob Rudeloff Fleischer;
- (18) Blake Wade Hall;
- (19) Nicholas Joel Hand;
- (20) James Warren Harrison, Jr.;
- (21) Jonathon Michael Dean Hostetter;
- (22) James Roger Ide V.;
- (23) Issac Brandon Jackson;
- (24) Christopher M. Katzenberger;
- (25) Jeremy Andrew Katzenberger;
- (26) William Jo Kerwood;
- (27) Daniel Leon Kisling, Jr.;

- (28) Denis Deleon Kisseloff;
- (29) Donald Matthew Marler;
- (30) Matthew David Mason;
- (31) Richard Lewis McNulty III;
- (32) Bradley Louis Melton;
- (33) James Douglas Mowris;
- (34) Michael Robert Patton;
- (35) Joseph Michael Peters;
- (36) Robert Wayne Pharris;
- (37) Ricky Linn Richardson, Jr.;
- (38) Charles Montague Sadell;
- (39) Charles Ray Sanders, Jr.;
- (40) Ronald Wayne Sawyer;
- (41) Patrick Wayne Schimmel;
- (42) Jared Marcus Schmitz;
- (43) Roslyn Littman Schulte;
- (44) Billy Joe Siercks;
- (45) Adam Olin Smith;
- (46) Tyler James Smith;
- (47) Christopher Glenn Stark;
- (48) Sean Patrick Sullivan;
- (49) Philip James Svitak;
- (50) Phillip David Vinnedge;
- (51) Matthew Herbert Walker;
- (52) Jeffrey Lee White, Jr.;
- (53) Matthew Willard Wilson;
- (54) Vincent Cortez Winston, Jr.;
- (55) Sterling William Wyatt; and
- (56) Gunnar William Zwilling: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

- (1) Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz and his fellow Missourians who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Afghanistan represent the very best of the State of Missouri and the United States; and
- (2) the United States honors those brave service members and their families and shall never forget the services they rendered and sacrifices they made in the defense of their grateful Nation.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 358—HONORING MR. STEVE VERETT FOR MORE THAN 24 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COTTON INDUSTRY AND TO PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 358

Whereas the Texas High Plains region is one of the largest cotton-producing regions in the world, and the sale of cotton brings more than \$2.2 billion annually to the Texas economy;

Whereas, since 1956, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., has provided premier service and support to the cotton industry in the High Plains region on matters including research, market development, and public policy at both the State and Federal levels;

Whereas Steve Verett has served as the chief executive officer since 1997, being only the third person to hold this role since Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.'s formation in 1956;

Whereas throughout his 24 years of service, Steve Verett's leadership has established an environment that encourages organizational staff and volunteer leaders to continually find ways to improve the organization in order to meet the unique challenges that face the region's cotton economy; and

Whereas Steve Verett has been a dedicated policy advocate for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and the cotton industry, working on countless legislative and regulatory efforts, including the development of four farm bills, Federal crop insurance reform, and numerous ad hoc assistance programs, and one of

the most notable efforts where he played a central role was getting cotton back into title I of the 2018 Farm Bill: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends Steve Verett for his lifelong dedication and service to the cotton industry and to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.;

(2) recognizes Steve Verett for his considerable achievements during his tenure as chief executive officer over the last 24 years with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.; and

(3) congratulates Steve Verett on his retirement and extends to him best wishes in all his future endeavors.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 359—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD DESIGNATE THE AFGHAN TALIBAN AS A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, FREEZE ALL ASSETS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HELD IN THE UNITED STATES, AND USE ALL AUTHORITY AND INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE AFGHAN TALIBAN BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 359

Whereas the designation of an organization as a Foreign Terrorist Organization "play[s] a critical role in our fight against terrorism and [is] an effective means of curtailing support for terrorist activities", according to the Department of State;

Whereas, under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189), the Secretary of State may designate an organization as a Foreign Terrorist Organization if the organization is a foreign organization, the organization engages in terrorist activity or retains the capability and intent to engage in terrorist activity or terrorism, and the terrorist activity or terrorism of the organization threatens the security of United States nationals or the national security of the United States;

Whereas, as of August 2021, there are 72 designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations, including radical Islamic terror groups such as Al-Qaida, which was designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in 1999;

Whereas, prior to the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, the Afghan Taliban provided a safe haven for Al-Qaida to plan, train, and operate freely;

Whereas, following those attacks on the United States, which killed almost 3,000 people, the Afghan Taliban continued to support Al-Qaida;

Whereas Al-Qaida first pledged allegiance to the Afghan Taliban in the 1990s and have reaffirmed their loyalty to the Afghan Taliban repeatedly since 2001;

Whereas, since the early 1990s, the Afghan Taliban have been responsible for the deaths of countless innocent civilians in Afghanistan, terrorizing the countryside and the cities alike;

Whereas the United Nations report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team released in June 2021 stated that "the [Afghan] Taliban and Al-Qaida remain closely aligned and show no indication